

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-3, 6-8, and 11-28 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 6, and 12-21, which are independent, are hereby amended. Claims 4, 5, 9, and 10 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claim 28 is hereby added. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements 35 U.S.C. §112. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed and specifically at paragraph [0047]. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which the Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-3, 6-8, and 11-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,181,870 to Okada, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,208,805 to Abecassis and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,852,800 to Modeste, et al.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“...wherein said management data includes video track and audio track independently, and

wherein the video track contains a size quantity of the first video data and a start position of the second video data and

the audio track contains a size quantity of said first audio data and a start position of said second audio data respectively.” (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicants, U.S. Patent No. 6,181,870 to Okada, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Okada”) relates to an optical disc having an area for storing original and user chain information specifying at least part of a video object stored on the disc, and a computer program and recording apparatus for recording and editing the chain information.

As understood by Applicants, U.S. Patent No. 6,208,805 to Abecassis (hereinafter, merely “Abecassis”) relates to inhibiting a control function from interfering with a playing of a video.

As understood by Applicants, U.S. Patent No. 5,852,800 to Modeste, et al. (hereinafter, merely “Modeste”) relates to generating a summation signal by programmably modulating the intensity levels of a plurality of associated channels of a selection.

Applicants submit that nothing has been found in Okada , Abecassis, or Modeste, taken alone or in combination, that would disclose or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, Applicants submit that Okada, Abecassis, and Modeste fail to teach or suggest that the management data includes video track and audio track independently. Additionally, the prior art, used as a basis of rejection, fails to teach or suggest the video track contains a size quantity of the first video data and a start position of the second video data and the audio track contains a size quantity of said first audio data and a start position of said second audio data respectively, as recited in claim 1.

For reasons similar, or somewhat similar, to those described above, independent claims 2, 6 and 12-21 are also patentable.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent on a dependent claim discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

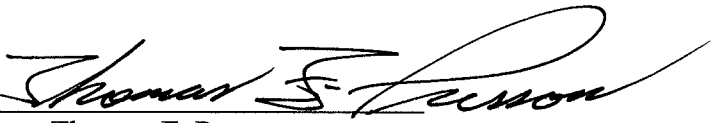
In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, providing the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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